

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1 1. (Withdrawn) A footwear mold, the footwear mold comprising:
  - 2 a footwear form, wherein the footwear form includes a location mark corresponding to a
  - 3 location of a strap rivet.
- 1 2. (Withdrawn) The footwear mold of claim 1, wherein the footwear form is
- 2 an inner portion of the footwear mold.
- 1 3. (Withdrawn) The footwear mold of claim 2, wherein the footwear mold
- 2 further comprises:
  - 3 an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein the upper portion and the lower portion
  - 4 substantially encompass the footwear form.
- 1 4. (Withdrawn) The footwear mold of claim 3, wherein at least the upper
- 2 portion includes a material inlet.
- 1 5. (Withdrawn) The footwear mold of claim 3, wherein the footwear form is
- 2 suspended from the interior of the upper portion.
- 1 6. (Withdrawn) The footwear mold of claim 1, wherein the location marked
- 2 extends from the footwear form and is operable to reduce material forming a finished footwear
- 3 piece at the location of the strap.
- 1 7. (Withdrawn) The footwear mold of claim 1, wherein the location marked
- 2 extends into the footwear form and is operable to increase material forming a finished footwear
- 3 piece at the location of the strap.
- 1 8. (Withdrawn) The footwear mold of claim 1, wherein the location mark
- 2 further includes a halo section that roughly corresponds to the size of a rivet head upon
- 3 expansion of a material forming an expanded footwear piece.
- 1 9. (Withdrawn) A method for manufacturing a footwear mold, the method
- 2 comprising:

3 forming a location mark in a footwear form, wherein the footwear form is an  
4 inner portion of a three piece mold.

1 12. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9, wherein the location mark includes  
2 a halo, and wherein the method further comprises:

3 locating an outer edge of the halo approximately even with a pattern  
4 corresponding to an inner wall of a footwear piece.

1                           13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 12, wherein the outer edge of the halo  
2 is set-off approximately one sixteenth inch from an edge of the footwear piece after expansion of  
3 the footwear piece.

3 an upper portion extending from the sole, wherein the upper portion is adapted to  
4 cover the top of a user's foot, and wherein the upper portion includes a rear opening for receiving  
5 the user's foot;

6 at least one connector coupled to the upper portion;

7 a strap operably coupled to the upper portion, wherein the strap is configured to  
8 be positioned across the rear opening to engage the back of the user's foot;

9 at least one adjustment mechanism that is interactable with the connector and the  
10 strap to adjust the position of the strap relative to the back of the user's foot.

1 15. (Original) A piece of footwear as in claim 14, wherein the connector  
2 comprises a loop that is pivotally coupled to the upper portion.

1                   16. (Original) A piece of footwear as in claim 15, wherein the adjustment  
2 mechanism comprises a strip of material having one end coupled to the strap and a free end that  
3 is configured to pass through the loop.

1                   17. (Original) A piece of footwear as in claim 16, wherein the adjustment  
2 mechanism further comprises a coupling arrangement to couple the free end of the strip of  
3 material to the strap.

1                   18. (Original) A piece of footwear as in claim 17, wherein the coupling  
2 arrangement comprises a plurality of snaps.

1                   19. (Original) A piece of footwear as in claim 17, wherein the coupling  
2 arrangement comprises a hook and loop fastener material.

1                   20. (Original) A piece of footwear as in claim 14, wherein the at least one  
2 connector comprises a pair of connectors coupled to opposite sides of the rear opening, and  
3 wherein the at least one adjustment mechanisms comprises a pair of adjustment mechanisms that  
4 are interactable with the pair of connectors.

1                   21. (Original) A piece of footwear as in claim 14, wherein the strap is  
2 pivotally connected to the upper portion.

1                   22. (New) A piece of footwear as in claim 14, wherein the upper portion and  
2 the sole are formed as a single part manufactured from a moldable foam material.